

ATTN: FCC

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Station Manager
KMWB Channel 23

Sinclair uses public air waves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest and to maintain accurate reporting when it comes to news and documentaries. When it comes to license renewal, I intend to hold Sinclair stations accountable to this standard.

The program that you have been ordered to telecast, "Stolen Honor", is revisionist history. Historians and political leaders of that era, agree that the Viet Nam war was fought on a premise that proved wrong. We saw the struggle in South East Asia as a war to advance Communism. In Robert S. McNamara memoirs, he acknowledges belatedly and sadly that Viet Nam was a civil war, not a struggle between democracy and communism. Fifty two thousand American soldiers lost their lives in the war.

At least a disclaimer should be added at the beginning and end of this program indicating that this is not a view held by legitimate historians or most political leaders of that era.

In addition, the rush to broadcast this distortion, is a partisan effort by Sinclair to support George Bush's reelection and to depict John Kerry as a traitor to his country. This assertion is false. Kerry was courageous on the battlefield, as he was courageous when he testified to Congress on the true nature of that war. This made it possible for Congress and President Johnson to finally put closure to this tragic and misguided war.

Broadcasting "Stolen Honor", a video that misrepresents the truth, is a misuse of the public air waves and a shameless use of the media to transmit propaganda.

I refuse to watch your channel any longer, or buy the products that support your programming.

Cordially,

John & Connie Vieira